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SUBJECT: GENERAL NGHI LASHES OUT AT THE COMMUNISTS

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1. MG NGUYEN VINH NGHI, AT A PARTY HE HOSTED FOR DEPARTING MRIV ADVISORS, LAUNCHED INTO A FORTY MINUTE PUBLIC DEATRIBE AGAINST NORTH VIETNAMESE AGRESSION AND OBSTINATE REFUSAL TO ABIDE BY THE SPIRIT OR LETTER OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. NGHI' S OFF THE CUFF REMARKS WERE TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH AND LOUD-SPEAKERED FOR THE BENEFIT OF HIS AMERICAN GUESTS AND SENIOR OFFICARFHOF THE REGION 6 AND 7 ICCS DELEGATIONS, POLES AND HUNGARIANS INCLUDED.

2. IN HIS REMARKS, NGHI BRUSHED A COMPLETE TABLEAU OF " VICIOUS COMMUNIST AGRESSION" AGAINST SOUTH VIET NAM. HE ACCUSED THE DRV OF SIGNING THE PARIS AGREEMENT IN BAD FAITH AND CLAIMED

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EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE JANUARY 28 PROVES THE COMMUNISTS HAVE NO INTENTION OF ABIDING BY THE ACCORDS. COMMUNIST AGGRESSION WOULD BE RESISTED TO THE MAXIMUM WHEREVER IT OCCURS AND IN MRIV WHERE THE COMMUNISTS CONTROL NO IMPORTANT TERRITORY OR POPULATION, THERE WAS NO DOUBT THE GVN WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL. LEST THE ICCS DELEGATIONS NOT BE AWARE HE WAS DELIVERING HIS REMARKS FOR THEIR BENEFIT, NGHI CALLED ON THEM DIRECTLY AND REITERATED HIS DENUNCIATION OF COMMUNIST INTENTIONS AND HIS DETERMINATION TO RESIST COMMUNIST INITIATIVES.

3. IN REPLY TO NGHI'S REMARKS BG BLAZEY, REPRESENTING THE ADVISORY PERSONNEL AND COL. CHAMBERLIN REPRESENTING THE JMC, EMPHASIZED THEIR REGRET AT LEAVING VIET NAM BUT POINTED OUT SOLDIERS FOUGHT FOR PIECE. BLAZEY CALLED FOR A WAR OF WORDS NOT

OF GUNS. BLAZEY'S REFERENCES TO PEACEWARS WERE NOT TRANSLATED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE INTERPRETER NGHI SELECTED FOR THE EVENING. CHAMBERLIN'S ADDRESS WAS NOT TRANSLATED AT ALL.

4. AS NGHI'S REMARKS PICKED UP SPEED THE HUNGARIAN REGION VI TEAM LEADER, LT. COL. KOZUMA, WITHDREW FROM THE FRONT RANK OF GUESTS TO JOIN HIS POLISH AND HUNGARIAN COLLEAGUES AT THE REAR OF THE ASSEMBLY. LATER DURING THE SPEECH THEY ASSEMBLED AT A SIDE TABLE AND QUIETLY ATE THEIR DINNER. LATER IN THE EVENING KOZUMA POLITELY REMARKED THAT NGHI WAS ONLY DOING HIS DUTY BUT THAT HE WAS NONETHELESS UPSET THAT THE GENERAL HAD TAKEN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE OF WHAT WAS BILLED TO BE A SOCIAL GATHERING. KOZUMA EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR GEN. BLAZEY'S AND COL. CHAMBERLIN'S ADDRESSES WHICH HE SAID DID SOMETHING TO ADJUST THE EVENING'S BALANCE. FROM OTHER REPORTS, KOZUMA'S COMMENT REFLECTED THE FEELINGS OF HIS HUNGARIAN AND POLISH COHORTS.

COMMENT: WHAT GEN. HUNGINSAY IS NOT NEW: NGHI HAS DOGGEDLY PUSHED THE SAME THEMES THROUGHOUT THE DELTA SINCE THE CEASEFIRE. WHILE THE HARD LINE HE ESPoused MAY HAVE SET WELL WITH SENIOR RVNAF OFFICERS AND GVN OFFICIALS GATHERED FOR THE EVENING, IT WAS MOST INAPPROPRIATE FOR A SOCIAL OCCASION HEAVILY ATTENDED BY AMERICANS AND ICCS OFFICERS, POLES AND HUNGARIANS INCLUDED. PARTICULARLY AGAINST THE SETTING OF EVENTS IN TRITON, GEN. NGHI'S REMARKS WERE ILL-TIMED AND BADLY RECEIVED.

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